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ABSTRACT

California, largest employer of seasonal labor in the United States, employs an average of 119,600 seasonal farmworkers per year. To ease problems of housing this seasonal workforce, the State Department of Housing and Community Development's Office of Migrant Services contracts with local government agencies to provide decent/affordable housing for over 12,000 migrants in 25 centers in 14 agricultural counties. These centers are occupied during the 6-month harvest season from April through November. The 19th annual demographic data on migrant families who occupy these housing units indicates the typical 1985 migrant family consists of five persons, with two parents between 18 and 44 years old, who have completed 4 to 6 years of school. The family has two or three children and possibly another relative living with them. Two household members work in the field and two children attend day/infant care facilities or summer school. Approximately 39% of families migrate annually from as far away as Central Mexico (1,800 miles), 30% migrate from South Texas and northern Mexican states of Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and Chihuahua, and 25% come from the Yuma-El Centro-Mexicali area. An estimated 47% of the 2,445 families served stayed at the 25 centers the entire 180-day occupancy period. (NEC)

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INTRODUCTION

California, the largest employer of seasonal labor in the United States, employs an average of 119,600 seasonal farmworkers per year. To ease the problems of housing this large seasonal workforce, the State Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Migrant Services (OMS) contracts with local government agencies to provide decent and affordable housing for over 12,000 migrants, in 25 housing centers, in 14 agricultural counties. These centers are occupied during the six-month harvest season which starts in April and continues through November.

This report summarizes the nineteenth annual demographic data on migrant families who occupy housing units provided by the State Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Migrant Services.

The tables contained in this report categorize family characteristics by migrant housing centers. This information is based on data obtained from: approved applications for housing completed by migrant families, and from the center manager in the form of Monthly Occupancy and Rental Summaries. A narrative section highlights each table.

MIGRANT FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

Tabulation from the 1985 tables provides the Office of Migrant Services with a profile of the typical migrant family. A migrant family consists of five persons with two parents between the ages of 18 and 44, who have completed four to six years of school. The family has two or three children and possibly a grandparent or another relative living with them. Two members of the household work in the field, and two of the children attend day or infant care facilities within the center or attend summer school off site.

The major percentage (39%) of families migrate each year from as far away as Central Mexico (1800 miles). The second largest group (30%) of families migrate from South Texas and the Northern Mexican states of Coahuila, Nuevo leon, and Chihuahua. The third largest group (25%) of families consists of those whose home base is located in the Yuma-El Centro-Mexicali area.

The families migrate for the harvest season, work five months, and return directly to their home base to enter their children in school for the fall semester. The migrant cycle begins again in the spring.

MIGRANT HOUSING CENTER'S OCCUPANCY SUMMARY

Approximately 2,445 families were based in 2,002 units during the 1985 harvest season. The average family size was 4.9 persons.

The total population consisted of 53% adults and 46% minors. There were 6,512 registered farm workers in the migrant centers. For a more detailed analysis, please refer to Table 1 below.

TABLE I

MIGRANT HOUSING CENTERS	Total Number of Housing Units	Total Families	Average Family Size	Total Population*	Total Adult Population
1. Newell	47	59	4.0	236	145
2. Yuba City	81	97	4.6	451	249
3. Madison	87	91	4.9	448	238
4. Davis	72	83	4.7	386	223
5. F.R. Rehrman	82	86	4.8	417	254
6. Mathews I	96	160	4.8	773	413
7. Artesi II	96	100	5.3	528	274
8. Artesi III	96	112	5.1	567	288
9. Empire	77	93	5.6	521	279
10. Westley	91	111	5.1	570	304
11. Patterson	44	54	4.4	239	151
12. Cortez	45	55	4.5	249	137
13. Merced	53	61	4.6	280	154
14. Atwater	41	47	4.3	201	98
15. Planada	84	105	4.4	461	257
16. Los Banos	74	105	4.8	509	289
17. Art Ochoa	97	114	5.0	571	277
18. Parlier	130	146	5.6	813	463
19. Raisin City	72	103	4.6	477	270
20. King City	78	76	5.2	393	214
21. Shafter	100	149	5.0	744	396
22. Arvin	100	133	5.3	708	374
23. Hollister	65	91	5.7	523	263
24. Williams	94	97	4.3	413	223
25. Watsonville	100	117	5.2	603	279
Total Persons	2,002	2,445	4.9	12,081	6,512

NOTE: Farmworkers include housewives and part-time students.

*Total Population = Total adult and minor population.

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FAMILY LENGTH OF STAY BY CENTER

State Migrant Centers are open for approximately six months per year. Migrant's "length of stay" is determined by demand for labor, prevailing wage, variety of crops and the length of the agricultural season in the region. In 1985, an estimated 47% of the total (2,445) families served stayed at the centers the entire 180-day occupancy period.

TABLE II

MIGRANT HOUSING CENTERS	LENGTH OF STAY (by days)																				Total Families
	1-7		8-14		15-30		31-60		61-90		91-120		121-180		181 +		Unknown				
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%			
1. Newell	1	2	1	2	4	7	14	24	6	10	5	8	17	29	10	17	1	2			59
2. Yuba City	0	0	0	0	5	5	7	7	9	9	14	14	35	36	27	28	0	0			97
3. Madison	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	55	60	24	26	0	0			91
4. Davis	0	0	2	2	3	4	10	12	0	0	3	4	42	51	23	28	0	0			83
5. F.R. Rehrman	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	8	9	57	66	17	20	0	0			86
6. Mathews I	2	1	0	0	10	6	55	34	14	9	14	9	56	35	9	6	0	0			160
7. Artesi II	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	68	68	29	29	0	0			100
8. Artesi III	2	2	1	1	2	2	9	8	3	3	6	5	57	51	32	29	0	0			112
9. Empire	0	0	1	1	2	2	10	11	1	1	3	3	58	62	18	19	0	0			93
10. Westley	1	1	0	0	5	5	16	14	8	7	7	6	51	46	19	17	4	4			111
11. Patterson	1	2	0	0	1	2	2	4	4	7	2	4	20	37	22	41	2	4			54
12. Cortez	0	0	0	0	6	11	5	9	4	7	7	13	30	55	3	5	0	0			55
13. Merced	0	0	1	2	4	7	3	5	5	8	2	3	46	75	0	0	0	0			61
14. Atwater	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	6	1	2	2	4	38	81	2	4	0	0			47
15. Planada	0	0	1	1	7	7	8	8	7	7	2	2	76	72	2	2	2	2			105
16. Los Banos	2	2	1	1	9	9	5	5	8	8	11	10	68	65	1	1	0	0			105
17. Art Ochoa	1	1	0	0	2	2	6	5	11	10	14	12	61	54	19	17	0	0			114
18. Parlier	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	99			146
19. Raisin City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	100			103
20. King City	1	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	7	55	72	12	16	0	0			76
21. Shafter	0	0	5	3	15	10	22	15	6	4	14	9	56	38	31	21	0	0			149
22. Arvin	1	1	2	2	8	6	17	13	3	2	4	3	80	60	17	13	1	1			133
23. Hollister	1	1	1	1	0	0	11	12	23	25	19	21	33	36	0	0	3	3			91
24. Williams	4	4	0	0	6	6	9	9	7	7	22	23	46	47	0	0	3	3			97
25. Watsonville	2	2	0	0	1	1	10	9	2	2	0	0	48	41	50	43	4	3			117
Percent of Total	1%		1%		4%		9%		5%		7%		47%		15%		11%				100%
Total Persons	19		19		95		228		128		168		1,153		367		268				2,445

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FAMILY HOME BASE BY CENTER

Over one-third (39%) of the migrant families lived in Mexico during the off-season (November to April) while 21% declared a permanent home base in California; 25% in South Texas, and 9% in Arizona. Six percent (6%) resided in other parts of the continent.

Several migrant centers attract agricultural workers from one or two regions. For example, 84% of the families at Artesi II (San Joaquin County) were from Mexico while 87% of the families at Parlier (Fresno County) declared South Texas as their home base.

TABLE III

MIGRANT HOUSING CENTERS	FAMILY HOME BASE																				Total Families
	Mexico		California		Texas		Arizona		Oregon		Washington		Other USA*		Other**		Unknown				
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
1. Newell	21	36	28	47	1	2	0	0	5	8	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	3			59
2. Yuba City	40	41	41	42	11	11	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2			97
3. Madison	38	42	18	20	25	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	9	10			91
4. Davis	55	66	12	14	10	12	3	4	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0			83
5. F.R. Rehrman	62	72	10	12	9	10	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0			86
6. Mathews I	83	52	40	25	10	6	13	8	1	1	11	7	2	1	0	0	0	0			160
7. Artesi II	84	84	3	3	11	11	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			100
8. Artesi III	63	56	27	24	4	4	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	11			112
9. Empire	42	45	29	31	11	12	5	5	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	4			93
10. Westley	21	19	25	23	29	26	29	26	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5	5			111
11. Patterson	21	39	9	17	13	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	10	19			54
12. Cortez	31	56	9	16	4	7	1	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	8	15			55
13. Merced	31	51	20	33	5	8	3	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2			61
14. Atwater	26	55	19	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2			47
15. Planada	67	64	14	13	4	4	4	4	5	5	0	0	2	2	0	0	9	9			105
16. Los Banos	15	14	30	29	19	18	39	37	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1			105
17. Art Ochoa	14	12	22	19	14	12	62	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2			114
18. Parlier	12	8	4	3	127	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2			146
19. Raisin City	15	15	13	13	60	58	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	9	9			103
20. King City	18	24	23	30	14	18	14	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	9			76
21. Shafter	40	27	3	2	98	66	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	4			149
22. Arvin	25	19	4	3	98	74	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	1	1			133
23. Hollister	15	16	48	53	21	23	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1			91
24. Williams	36	37	47	48	5	5	4	4	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1			97
25. Watsonville	89	76	14	12	1	1	12	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			117
Percent of Total	39%		21%		25%		9%		1%		1%		1%		0%		4%				100%
Total Persons	964		512		604		208		16		23		20		3		95				2,445

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TOTAL FAMILIES HOUSED FROM 1966 to 1985

There were 13 state migrant housing centers in 1966 which housed 1,652 families (three of these centers are now closed). In 1985, 25 centers housed 2,445 migrant families. OMS has provided housing for approximately 47,836 families (239,180 individuals) during its 19 years of operation.

TABLE IV

MIGRANT HOUSING CENTERS	TOTAL FAMILIES *																		
	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
1. Newell							97	95	76	66	89	25	78	88	69	74	72	52	59
2. Yuba City		156	124	181	124	142	126	121	119	119	113	93	18	88	91	91	87	95	97
3. Madison	84	102	148	112	135	194	160	133	119	120	101	105	98	100	105	107	108	108	91
4. Davis				85	67	74	107	91	103	87	82	79	80	80	79	84	61	82	83
5. F.R. Rehrman		116	154	145	141	122	134	128	140	137	134	127	137	133	135	132	106	67	86
6. Mathews I	307	296	281	276	254	207	168	145	121	134	136	133	129	136	130	139	167	160	160
7. Artesi II	146	81	172	181	181	171	145	137	117	136	105	128	131	121	133	115	104	114	100
8. Artesi III		148	203	148	156	126	117	130	114	100	108	106	115	93	107	106	104	108	112
9. Empire	167	117	122	121	111	93	93	95	96	101	97	89	103	100	91	94	87	91	93
10. Westley	169	41	88	131	148	123	131	114	116	118	90	61	138	115	121	129	120	109	111
11. Patterson	55	40	67	86	71	69	100	85	72	56	57	37	53	76	50	53	55	79	54
12. Cortez	83	78	79	70	69	61	72	68	87	58	51	49	62	54	57	57	52	45	55
13. Merced	28	147	91	69	106	98	80	85	86	69	72	64	63	52	62	77	64	68	61
14. Atwater			62	87	81	55	56	61	64	47	58	51	48	54	51	56	51	49	47
15. Planada			52	79	58	97	131	90	99	97	92	97	100	97	100	107	103	104	105
16. Los Banos	67	181	140	14	93	78	137	104	143	110	120	91	118	106	117	116	100	105	105
17. Art Ochoa						127	123	143	121	134	119	114	115	128	139	118	131	121	114
18. Parlier			141	138	149	142	142	152	122	115	119	135	34	128	124	119	118	109	146
19. Raisin City			99	95	91	98	87	101	90	81	86	117	97	96	100	83	90	89	103
20. King City						99	119	117	107	104	108	83	86	95	79	74	73	80	76
21. Shafter					80	159	204	162	166	145	158	161	176	137	173	142	138	139	149
22. Arvin								145	135	131	140	141	135	128	134	134	128	126	133
23. Hollister	207	165	165	105	131	116	129	123	114	112	102	94	90	90	91	107	89	88	91
24. Williams					82	113	146	152	163	142	124	111	93	110	104	90	78	81	97
25. Watsonville		44	97	107	114	103	102	84	116	109	123	121	112	117	110	116	99	128	117
26. Linden	167	Discontinued																	
27. Indio	144	97	120	155	134	102	73	118	72	Discontinued									
28. Gridley	28	81	155	133	104	77	Discontinued												
	1,652	1,890	2,560	2,518	2,680	2,846	2,979	2,979	2,878	2,628	2,584	2,412	2,409	2,522	2,552	2,520	2,385	2,397	2,445

NOTE: The number of families housed in any center over the 19-year period may vary due to the turnover rate of families, the length of the agricultural season, or the number of units available in a center.

NOTE: Dixon was renamed F.R. Rehrman, and Gilroy, Art Ochoa, in 1985.
* No data is available for 1979.

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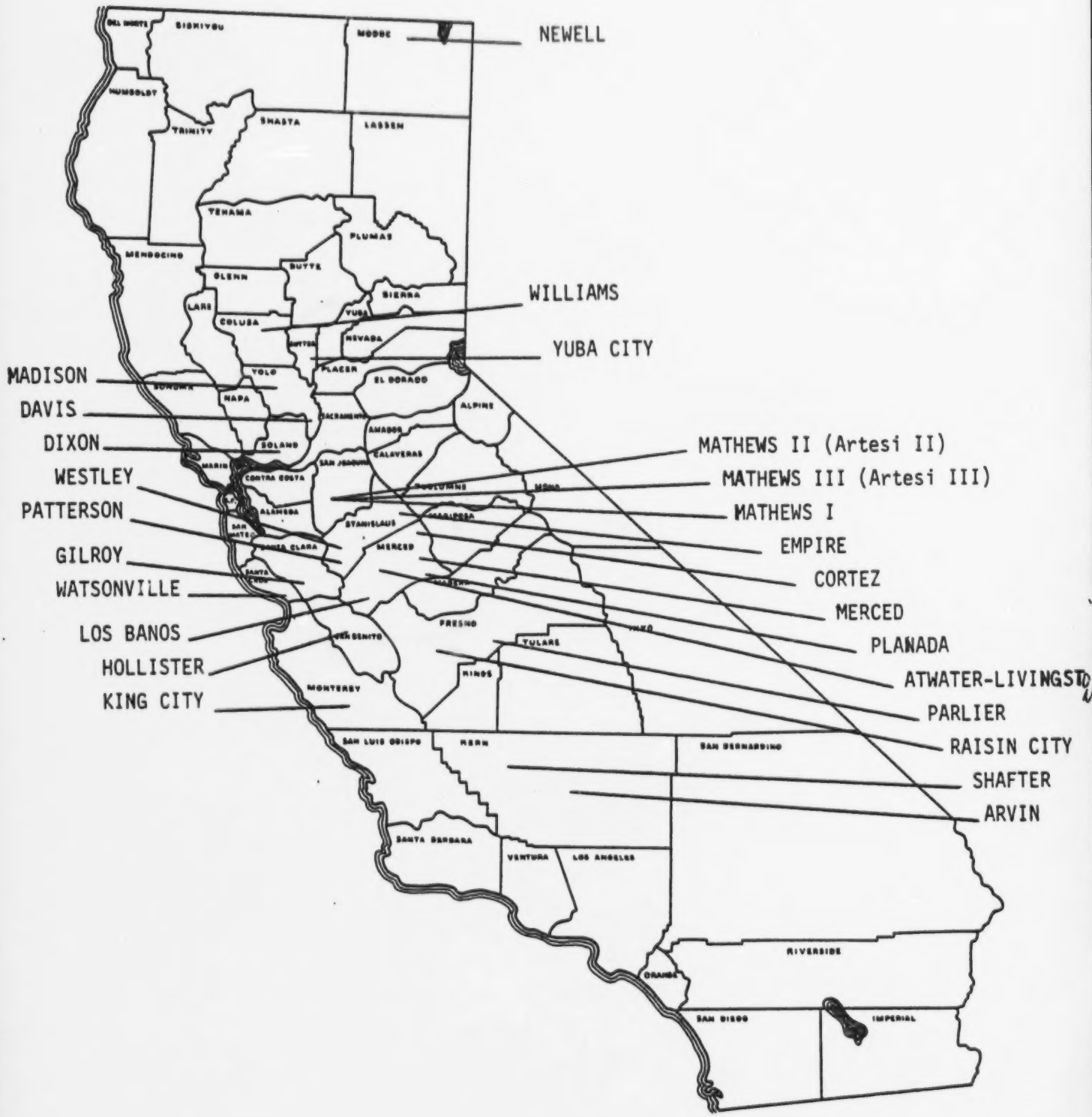
STATE MIGRANT FAMILY HOUSING CENTERS



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Rt. 2, Box 625
Dixon, CA 95620
(916) 678-2552
62-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
10-4 Bedrm. Units $4.00

* MADISON MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 44
Madison, CA 95653
(916) 662-1880
78-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
8-4 Bedrm. Units $4.00
1-3 Bedrm. Units $3.50

* DIXON MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 610
Dixon, CA 95620
(916) 678-3200
52-2 Bedrm. Units $2.00
30-3 Bedrm. Units $2.50

* WESTLEY MIGRANT CENTER
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Westley, CA 95387
(209) 894-3461
91-2 Bedrm. Units $2.50

* PATTERSON MIGRANT CENTER
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Westley, CA 95387
(209) 892-8948
39-2 Bedrm.Units $2.50
5-3 Bedrm.Units $3.00

* GILROY MIGRANT CENTER
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Gilroy, CA 95020
(408) 842-7552
97-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00

* WATSONVILLE MIGRANT CENTER
687 Harkins Slough Rd.
Watsonville, CA 95076
(408) 722-5411
15-1 Bedrm.Units $2.50
67-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
15-3 Bedrm. Units $3.50
3-4 Bedrm. Units $4.00

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3235 Southside Road
Hollister, CA 95023
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8-3 Bedrm. Units $3.50

KINGS CITY MIGRANT CENTER
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(408) 385-3482
78-2 Bedrm. Units $3.50

* SHAFTER MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 638
Shafter, CA 93253
(805) 746-4326
90-2 Bedrm. Units $3.50
10-3 Bedrm. Units $4.00

* ARVIN MIGRANT CENTER
Rt. 2, Box 276
Bakersfield, CA 93307
(805) 845-1267
90-2 Bedrm. Units at $3.50
10-3 Bedrm. Units at $4.00

* NEWELL MIGRANT CENTER
Rt. 2 Box C1
Tulelake, CA 96134
(916) 664-3251
47-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00

* WILLIAMS MIGRANT CENTER
Rt. 1 Box 160
Williams, CA 95987
(916) 473-2129
94-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00

* MATHEWS #1
225 W. Mathews Road
French Camp, CA 95231
(209) 982-1245
96-2 Bedrm. Units $2.00

* ARTESI #2 MIGRANT CENTER
777 W. Mathews Road
French Camp, CA 95231
(209) 982-1340
12-2 Bedrm.Units $3.00
72-3 Bedrm.Units $3.50
12-4 Bedrm.Units $4.00

* ARTESI #3 MIGRANT CENTER
333 W. Mathews Road
French Camp, CA 95231
(209) 982-5315
12-2 Bedrm.Units $3.00
72-3 Bedrm.Units $3.50
12-4 Bedrm.Units $4.00

* All Migrant Centers have day care programs and the centers with asterisks have infant care programs.

Note: The number of units shown for each Center represents those units that are for rent. Rent prices quoted are per day.

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* EMPIRE MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 665
Empire, CA 95319
(209) 529-5545
69-2 Bedrm. Units $2.50
8-3 Bedrm. Units $3.00

CORTEZ MIGRANT CENTER
13140 N. Sante Fe Drive
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 634-5992
45-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00

ATWAT/LIV.MIGRANT CENTER
9200 Westside Blvd.
Atwater, CA 95301
(209) 358-8121
35-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
6-4 Bedrm. Units $4.00

MERCED MIGRANT CENTER
2753 N. Santa Fe Drive
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 722-5991
53-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00

PLANADA MIGRANT CENTER
8880 E. Gerard Avenue
Le Grand, CA 95333
(209) 382-0342
72-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
12-4 Bedrm. Units $4.00

LOS BANOS MIGRANT CENTER
18926 W. Henry Miller Rd
Los Banos, CA 95635
(209) 826-1926
69-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
5-3 Bedrm. Units $3.50

* PARLIER MIGRANT CENTER
8880 S. Academy
Parlier, CA 93648
(209) 646-3653
73-2 Bedrm.Units $3.00
57-3 Bedrm.Units $3.50

RAISIN CITY MIGRANT CEN
7520 W. Manning Avenue
Raisin City, CA 93652
(209) 486-1944
72-2 Bedrm. Units $2.00

YUBA CITY MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 631
Yuba City, CA 95991
(916) 674-7008
81-2 Bedrm. Units $2.00

OPERATIONAL SCHEDULES OF OMS MIGRANT HOUSING CENTERS

1985 Season

COUNTY	CENTER	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
Kern	Arvin	April 1	September 2
Fresno	Parlier	April 4	October 1
Fresno	Raisin City	April 6	October 2
Kern	Shafter	April 15	October 11
Merced	Livingston	April 29	October 25
Merced	Los Banos	April 29	October 25
Merced	Merced	April 29	October 25
Merced	Planada	April 29	October 25
Merced	Cortez	April 29	October 25
Stanislaus	Empire	May 1	October 31
Stanislaus	Westley	May 1	October 31
San Joaquin	Mathews Rd. I	May 1	October 31
San Joaquin	Mathews Rd. II	May 1	October 31
San Joaquin	Mathews Rd. III	May 1	October 31
Santa Cruz	Watsonville	May 1	October 31
Solano	F.R. Rehrman (Dixon)	May 1	October 31
Sutter	Yuba City	May 1	October 31
Yolo	Madison	May 1	October 31
Yolo	Davis	May 1	October 31
Colusa	Williams	May 14	October 31
Santa Clara	Art Ochoa (Gilroy)	May 13	November 12
Stanislaus	Patterson	May 15	November 15
Modoc	Newell	May 15	November 15
Monterey	King City	June 1	November 30
San Benito	Hollister	June 13	November 13

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